

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to methods and apparatus for providing integrated instruction, estimating and purchasing for a task or group of tasks. Methods and apparatus of the present invention accomplish this integration through the use of a computer network which may provide access to multiple users. Some embodiments of the present invention comprise a network site or Internet site which provides interactive instruction regarding a task to be accomplished. Once the user has completed the instruction module, he or she may access an estimating module to obtain estimates of the cost of purchasing the materials or services required for the task. When the user has made a purchase decision based on the estimates, the user may proceed to a purchasing module which allows the purchaser to order the materials or services required for the task. The above methods may be applied to almost any task, including, but not limited to, building construction and remodeling, vehicle maintenance, computer maintenance and modification as well as many others.

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